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FROM: Paul J. McNulty *PJM*
Deputy Attorney General

SUBJECT: National Security Division Transition Team

This memorandum is to announce the formation of a transition team to assist in the start-up of the National Security Division (NSD). This team will begin its work as soon as possible.

As you know, our current plan is to commence operation of the NSD as soon as our nominee, Ken Wainstein, is confirmed as the Assistant Attorney General (AAG) for the NSD. I know that a number of your employees have worked hard to lay the groundwork for the NSD. However, there is still a great deal that must be done in the near future, particularly with respect to administrative issues. I have concluded that this work should be managed through a transition team, and I ask for your assistance in staffing the team.

The transition team will begin working on the management and administrative tasks that must be completed prior to the commencement of operations. It will also be responsible for coordinating the creation of a FY 2008 budget estimate for the NSD. In addition to working on administrative issues, the transition team will be expected to identify additional issues of concern that will confront the AAG upon his confirmation and develop recommendations for the resolution of these issues.

The team will be led by Charlie Steele, who will soon be leaving his current position as Chief of Staff to the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in order to join the Department. The rest of the team will be drawn from the employees of your components.

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To assist in the management and administrative tasks, the team will need, among others, an Executive Officer, a Human Resources Specialist, a Budget Analyst, a Financial Specialist, and an Information Technology Specialist. Some of the positions on the team may be filled by employees temporarily detailed to the team, while others will be assigned to the team as part of their current duties. To the extent that the team seeks to identify and develop recommendations for the resolution of non-administrative issues, senior officials in your components may be asked to attend meetings and otherwise offer input. Patrick Rowan will serve as my liaison to the team. I ask that you work with him and Mr. Steele to identify and make available appropriate personnel for this important project.